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SUBJECT: STANDING COMMITTEES OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE
CONCLUDE MEETING

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1. SOURCES ON OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE HAVE TOLD US THAT FIVE
DAY MEETING OF THREE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES OF OAU LIBERATION
COMMITTEE, WHICH CONCLUDED MAY 9, HAD FOUR GOALS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TO REVIEW ACTIONS TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS SINCE LAST
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING;

B. TO CONSIDER NEW RESOLUTIONS OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MEETING AT ADDIS ABABA AND APRIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF MINISTERS
IN DAR ES SALAAM AND TO SEEK TO WORK OUT WAYS TO IMPLEMENT THESE
RESOLUTIONS;

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C. TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE WHICH WERE AUTHORIZED FOR YEAR AT ADDIS ABABA FEBRUARY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING; AND D. TO PREPARE FOR NEXT LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 9 AT RABAT.

2. ONE OAU SOURCE COMMENTED THAT A FEW COUNTRIES ARE ALWAYS IN ARREARS IN PAYMENT OF THEIR ASSESSMENTS TO LIBERATION COMMITTEE. SOURCE SAID HIS OWN COUNTRY (NIGERIA) ITSELF HAD NOT PAID ASSESSMENT A FEW YEARS BACK DURING CIVIL WAR BECAUSE FUNDS WERE BEING QUOTE ILLEGALLY USED BY LIBERATION COMMITTEE UNQUOTE. IT WAS SURPRISING TO HIM, THEREFORE, WHEN SOME COUNTRIES SUCH AS THOSE OF SAHEL CONTINUED TO PAY THEIR ASSESSMENTS EVEN AFTER THEIR LEVIES HAD BEEN SUSPENDED.

3. NEW CHAIRMEN WERE NAMED AT THIS MEETING FOR THE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS: CAMEROON REPLACED ZAMBIA ON INFORMATION AND POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE; ETHIOPIA REPLACED ALGERIA ON DEFENSE SUB-COMMITTEE; AND GUINEA REPLACED EGYPT ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/SUB-COMMITTEE.

4. THERE WAS NO LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES MEETINGS AFTER OPENING SESSION, THOUGH NAIROBI PAPER CARRIED STORY ON WEEK LONG SESSIONS LAST WEEK-END. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE STAFFERS SAY THERE IS NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS LACK OF PRESS COVERAGE HERE. ONE REASON THEY OPINED FOR LACK PRESS COVERAGE IS THAT SEVERAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS RAN LATE INTO EVENING PAST LOCAL PRESS DEADLINES FOR NEXT DAY'S EDITION.

5. HEAD SWAPO OFFICE IN DAR HAS TOLD US HE WAS MOST PLEASED WITH THESE SESSIONS IN THAT TOP PRIORITY CONINTUES TO BE GIVEN TO RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. IN THIS REGARD, OAU LIEBERATION COMMITTEE HAS NOT WAVERED IN ITS SUPPORT TO SWAPO AS SOLE VOICE OF PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA.
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